

**DES MOINES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARDROOM — 1800 GRAND**

MINUTES

August 21, 2012

PUBLIC FORUM — 5:45 p.m. – 5:48 p.m.

The Board of Directors held a public forum on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand; Dick Murphy presiding.

Present: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Absent: Caldwell-Johnson, Sweeney

Speaker: Andrew Rasmussen, 206 Center St., Des Moines

REGULAR MEETING — 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, in the boardroom at 1800 Grand; Dick Murphy presiding.

Present: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Absent: Caldwell-Johnson, Sweeney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA — 6:01 p.m.

Ms. Boesen moved approval of the agenda; second by Howard.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Howard moved approval of the minutes for August 7, 2012; second by Elsbernd.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion carried 5-0.

DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS — 6:02 P.M.

Mr. Ahart presented an Award of Excellence to ten teachers who served as demonstration classroom teachers at the on-site classroom workshop.

CONSENT ITEMS — 6:04 p.m.

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Mr. Murphy moved to approve the consent items, including payment of bills previously authorized and certified and reviewed by him in the amount of \$480,125.15 and unpaid bills in the amount of \$11,426,111.65; second by Boesen.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy
Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing and Action — 6:05 p.m.

13. Easement to MidAmerican Energy for Underground Electrical Line at Lovejoy
Elementary School (passed 5-0) 15

Other — 6:06 p.m.

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** Information or discussion item – no action.*

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT —6:16 p.m.

School starts tomorrow for all but five schools which have already started. There are 212 teachers new to the district with a few more to be added soon. There are 77 new teachers to the profession and most are on the alternative contract.

Board training is scheduled for September 7 and 8.

Thanks were expressed to the entire facilities staff for going above and beyond to ensure all buildings are ready for the first day of school. Thank you to the staff at East High School—especially the athletic staff--Mr. Johns and Grand View University for their extraordinary efforts to ensure Williams Stadium locker rooms are ready for use. Thank you to Bryce Amos for taking the lead in creating a process for expediting access to student records for current and former students who required official school records to meet the requirements of the Dream Act. Thank you to Phil Roeder for creating easy access to that information on the district’s web site in both English and Spanish.

CHAIR’S REPORT —6:19 p.m.

Mr. Murphy joined the bus tour of several buildings undergoing renovation on Saturday morning. He was impressed that even though teachers were asked not to access the buildings yet, many were coming in to prepare their classrooms. He also noticed that at 7 p.m. on a recent evening, several staff were at his neighborhood school.

Mr. Murphy noted that Ms. Caldwell-Johnson was on vacation and would not be calling in for the meeting.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION — 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Howard noted that there were 84 graduates at the summer school graduation last week. Board members in attendance were Mr. Howard, Mr. Jongewaard, Ms. Elsbernd, and Ms. Caldwell-Johnson.

ADJOURN — 6:22 p.m.

Item No. 7
Page 1 of 2**Subject: ARCHITECT PAYMENTS****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

(harold.good@dmschools.org; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Payment of architect / engineer invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the following architect/engineer payments be authorized.

<u>Architect/Engineer/Project</u>	<u>Percent Paid</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment</u>
<u>BCDM</u>				
Studebaker Elementary Architect App 11 (SWP)	83%	\$241,800.00	\$191,568.00	\$8,424.00
Hoover Meredith Complex Final Payment (SWP)	100%	\$299,500.00	\$286,400.00	\$13,100.00
<u>OPN Architects</u>				
Hiatt Middle School Architect App. 11 (SWP)	82%	\$377,700.00	\$297,515.50	\$13,587.75
McCombs Middle School Architect App. 17 (SWP)	90%	\$364,100.00	\$318,577.50	\$9,382.50
<u>Baldwin White</u>				
Edmunds Elementary Architect App 18 (SWP)	70%	\$566,500.00	\$380,982.49	\$13,352.11
Hoyt Middle School Architect App 1 (SWP)	2%	\$375,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,550.00
<u>Wells + Associates</u>				
Lovejoy Elementary Architect App. 10 (SWP)	83%	\$240,000.00	\$185,232.00	\$12,960.00
Roosevelt Athletic RETAINAGE RELEASE (LOSST)	100%	\$172,251.00	\$170,245.36	\$2,005.64

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Findley Elementary Architect App. 01 (SWP)	3%	\$247,760.00	\$0.00	\$8,681.76
Jefferson Elementary Architect App. 01 (SWP)	3%	\$251,400.00	\$0.00	\$8,798.40
<u>Alvine & Associates</u>				
Hoover High School Boiler Replacement (SWP) Architect App. 3	74%	\$24,400.00	\$13,484.88	\$4,551.12
Meredith Middle School Architect App. 4 (SWP)	79%	\$308,800.00	\$209,985.00	\$33,350.00
<u>RDG Planning & Design</u>				
Central Campus Phase 3 Architect App. 7 (SWP)	69%	\$312,741.00	\$212,665.00	\$2,854.07
Central Campus Phase 2 Architect App. 19 (SWP)	94%	\$764,737.00	\$648,474.54	\$70,601.58
TOTAL				\$210,198.93

Presenters: None**Background:** None**Contact:** Bill Good

Item No. 8
Page 1 of 3**Subject: CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS****For: ACTION****Contact: BILL GOOD**

(harold.good@dmschools.org; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: Payment of contractor invoices.**Superintendent's Recommendation:** The superintendent recommends that the following contractor and supplier payments be authorized.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Percent Paid</u>	<u>Estimated Fee</u>	<u>Previous Payments</u>	<u>Current Payment Due</u>
<u>Larson & Larson</u>				
Central Campus Ph. 2	95%	\$8,397,938.00	\$7,950,916.63	\$27,102.55
(SWP)				
GC App 20				
Sealed Bid No. B6220				
 McCombs School	87%	\$5,785,219.00	\$4,017,184.77	\$785,635.59
Addition / Renovation				
(SWP)				
GC App 11				
Sealed Bid No. B6379				
 <u>Concrete Tech.</u>				
North High Parking Lot	86%	\$478,253.00	\$190,700.22	\$219,910.46
(SWP)				
GC App. 3				
Sealed Bid No. B6511				
 <u>Dean Snyder</u>				
Hiatt Middle School	57%	\$6,544,679.00	\$1,766,379.65	\$1,932,509.00
(SWP) - Renovation				
GC App. 5				
Sealed Bid No. B6486				
 <u>Prostruct</u>				
Smouse School	52%	\$957,271.00	\$197,186.75	\$297,847.80
(Smouse Funds)				
GC App. 3				
Sealed Bid No. B6512				

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Edge Commercial LLC

Brody Middle School Addition (SWP) GC App. 4 Sealed Bid No. B6481	50%	\$1,424,586.00	\$372,055.15	\$343,415.50
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Meredith Middle School Renovation (SWP) GC App. 3 Sealed Bid No. B6498	62%	\$5,461,674.00	\$1,870,820.75	\$1,516,895.40
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Rochon Corp.

Lovejoy Elementary Addition / Renovation GC App. 4 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6487	64%	\$4,358,943.00	\$1,132,352.64	\$1,652,675.41
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Central Campus Phase 3 Renovation GC App. 1 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6499	23%	\$3,906,889.00	\$0.00	\$885,491.99
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Lang Construction

Studebaker Elementary Addition / Renovation GC App. 4 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6488	63%	\$4,058,752.00	\$1,246,737.23	\$1,299,158.37
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Bryan Crow Constr.

Samuelson Classroom GC App. 5 (PPEL) Sealed Bid No. B6456	63%	\$197,000.00	\$50,887.70	\$73,948.00
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Waldinger Corp.

Hoover Boilers GC App. 2 (SWP) Sealed Bid No. B6528	47%	\$440,774.00	\$21,854.32	\$184,749.06
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<u>Stahl Construction</u>	7%	\$10,246,384.00	\$186,274.97	\$545,733.21
Edmunds				
GC App. 2 (SWP)				
Sealed Bid No. B6504				

TOTAL	\$9,765,072.34
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Presenters: None**Background:** None**Contact:** Bill Good

Item No. 9**Page 1 of 2****Subject: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT(S)****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**

Contract No. 12-031**Project:** Special Education**Contractor:** Des Moines Independent Community School District

Background: The District has had a relationship with Grandwood School, part of the Woodward Granger School District, to serve students whose intellectual and behavioral needs are such that a small, specialized program is needed as determined by the IEP team. This relationship has been in existence for a number of years. This year the district will have two (2) students attending Grandwood. Changes in interpretation of the rules at the Department of Education have resulted in the need for a 28e agreement in addition to the individual student contracts. Services to students will not change. Because special education funds cannot be used for facility and administrative costs, these costs will be billed to the district's general fund, while the instructional costs will continue to be billed to special education.

Financial: Facility and administrative costs are estimated at \$5,500 per year, per student (based on 2011-12 actual costs). These costs will be billed to the district's general fund.

Instructional costs per student will be paid from special education dollars.

Term: July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013

Contact: Shelly Bosovich
(shelly.bosovich@dmschools.org; 242-7714)

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Contract No. 12-032

Project: Project Search

Contractor: Iowa Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IDVRS)

Background: The District will receive grant monies from IDVRS to supplement and expand services provided to students with developmental disabilities. Students will be provided with intensive workplace training programs where they are totally immersed in the work culture of a business.

Financial: IDVRS and the District will each contribute 50% to the total cost of \$181,460.

Term: Terms are for nine months, to coincide with student calendars. Up to five renewals are contemplated in the Contract.

New or Renewal: New

Contact: Shelly Bosovich
(shelly.bosovich@dmschools.org; 242-7714)

Item No. 10
Page 1 of 2**Subject: AWARD OF CONTRACT(S) ON BID****For: ACTION****Contact: Various****Attachments: None**

Issue: Bids have been advertised, issued and received for various equipment items, supplies, and services as outlined below.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the contracts as shown below be approved.

Background: The suggested bid awards and detailed information for each of the bids are as shown below. Where cost comparisons are shown, they are merely a representative sample of the item on the bid, and are not intended to be all inclusive.

A. Q09-7213 Remanufactured Toner Cartridges FY 2012-2013

The Toner Place	Grimes, Iowa	Estimated Award	\$25,000.00
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The vendor has agreed to extend the contract terms /conditions and pricing from last year. The contract covers supplying the District with remanufactured toner cartridges. Toner cartridges are used and ordered for various office and classroom printing stations. Orders are entered by the individual sites as required using their individual printing accounts.

This is the third extension.

2011-2012 Expenditure	\$ 24,767.50
2010-2011 Expenditure	\$ 31,742.00
2009-2010 Expenditure	\$ 24,950.00

Funding Source: Various individual district printing accounts.

Contact: Dan Warren
(dan.warren@dmschools.org; 242-7980)

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B. B6229 Digital Presenters for Classrooms FY 2012-2013

Berg Audio	Carlisle, IA	Estimated Award	\$ 224,550.00
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The vendor has agreed to extend the contract with the same terms, conditions and reduced pricing. This vendor provides digital presenters for classroom throughout the District.

This is the second extension.

2011-2012	Estimated award	\$254,543.00
2010-2011	Estimated award	\$75,000.00

Funding Source: Various district funding sources.

Contact: Dan Warren
(dan.warren@dmschools.org; 242-7980)

Item No. 11**Page 1 of 2****Subject: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS****For: ACTION****Contact: Scott R. Mikesh****Attachments: None**

(scott.mikesh@dmschools.org; 242-7972)

Superintendent's Recommendation: The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the personnel recommendations.

Background:**ELECTIONS - GENERAL EDUCATION**

Name	Class	Step	Effective Date	Amount
Allred, Lindsey	1	1	08/14/2012	\$39,168

BA from University of North Texas, Denton, TX; Address/Richardson, TX; Mitchell/Head Start

Ballard, Justin	3	11	08/16/2012	\$54,536
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MA from Viterbo College, West Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Morris/4th

Bartlett, Jessica	Alternative	1	08/14/2012	\$40,532
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BA from Simpson College, Indianola, IA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Monroe/3rd

Eisler, Alyssa	Alternative	1	08/14/2012	\$40,532
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Hoyt/Future Pathways/ELL

Hewlett, Howard	1	5	08/16/2012	\$41,753
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BA from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA; Address/Waukee, IA; Weeks/Social Science

Morris, Catherine	3	1	08/16/2012	\$21,344
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MA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Stowe/.5 In-Class Reading

Moskal, Erin	1	3	08/16/2012	\$39,168
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Mitchell/Pre-School

Nicks, Samantha	5	4	08/20/2012	\$46,995
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MA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Des Moines, IA; Roosevelt/Math

Parker, Chad	1	12	08/16/2012	\$51,304
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BA from University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA; Address/Waukee, IA; Hoyt/Band/Strings

Rehling, Lynn	3	13	08/16/2012	\$57,695
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MA from Viterbo College, LaCrosse, WI; Address/West Des Moines, IA; Cowles/Montessori Coordinator

Rosekopf, Nicole	1	4	08/16/2012	\$40,460
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BA from Faith Baptist Bible & Theology, Ankeny, IA; Address/Ankeny, IA; Hispanic Resource Center/Pre-School

Roth, Alisa	1	1	08/14/2012	\$19,584
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BA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Hudson, IA; Windsor/.5 In-Class Reading

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Sporleder, Paul	3	13	08/16/2012	\$57,695
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MA from National University, LaJolla, CA; Address/West Des Moines, IA; East/ASL-Social Science

Suchy, Elisha	Alternative	1	08/14/2012	\$40,532
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BA from Wartburg College, Waverly, IA; Address/Belle Plaine, IA; Howe/Kindergarten

ELECTIONS - SPECIAL EDUCATION

Name	Class	Step	Effective Date	Amount
Darr, Roxanne	Alternative	1	08/14/2012	\$40,532

BA from Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, UT; Address/Grimes, IA; Goodrell/Multi-categorical

Lonneman, Pamela	5	10	08/16/2012	\$55,613
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MA from Drake University, Des Moines, IA; Address/Adel, IA; Meredith/Multi-categorical

Pohlman, Bobby Jo	3	1	08/14/2012	\$42,687
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MA from Morningside College, Sioux City, IA; Address/Nevada, IA; Ruby Van Meter/Mental Disabilities

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Brown, Tascha	Harding, Literacy Leader	08/20/2012	Education
Jn Baptiste, Theodora	North, English	08/20/2012	Education

RESIGNATION

Name	School, Position	Effective Date	Reason
Cameron, Michael	Weeks, Behavior Strategist	08/22/2012	New Position
Jensen, Jeffrey	Hoyt, Band/Strings	08/22/2012	Personal
Lindsey, Kathryn	North, Multi-categorical	08/22/2012	Personal
Reynolds, Rhonda	Roosevelt, Math	08/22/2012	Personal

Item No. 12**Page 1 of 1****Subject: LIST OF BILLS FOR APPROVAL****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper**
(thomas.harper@dmps.k12.ia.us; 242-7745)**Attachments: None**

Issue: A list of bills will be furnished to the Board of Directors at the Board meeting for approval. The secretary will be glad to furnish information as requested on any of these items. Prior to the meeting, one member of the Board will have checked this list with the invoices.

Item No. 13**Page 1 of 1****Subject: EASEMENT TO MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL LINE AT LOVEJOY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL****For: PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION****Contact: Bill Good**

(Harold.good@dmschools.org; 242-8321)

Attachments: None

Issue: MidAmerican Energy is requesting the granting of an underground electric line easement at Lovejoy Elementary School, 801 E. Kenyon Ave as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Revised for exceptions of street right of way and the east part of the N1/2, SW1/4 SE ¼ NE ¼, commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 78 North, Range 24 West of the 5th p.m., Iowa, running thence northerly 640 feet to Kenyon Street, thence West 280.15 feet, thence South 620 feet, thence West 129 feet, thence South 20 feet, to the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, thence East 409.1 feet to the place of beginning, except for street right of way; and the West 300 feet of the North half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (except road) of said Section 27, Township 78 North, Range 24 West of the 5th P.M. now included in and forming a part of the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

EASEMENT AREA: A 10-foot wide underground electric line easement on each parcel as generally depicted on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends the Board approve the granting of an underground electric line easement to MidAmerican Energy for \$1.

Background: On August 7, 2012, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to hold a public hearing. As required by law, the notice of public hearing was published on August 8, 2012.

Minutes

Mr. Jongewaard moved approval of the easement at Lovejoy Elementary School to MidAmerican Energy for \$1; second by Elsbernd.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Item No. 14**Page 1 of 1****Subject: SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH****For: ACTION****Contact: Board****Attachments: 12-057**

Superintendent's Recommendation: The Chair recommends the Board approve issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a search firm that will assist the Board in identifying suitable candidates for the position of superintendent of schools.

Background: A vacancy was created by the resignation of the former superintendent in May. The Board appointed an interim to serve during the search process and reached consensus to contract with a search firm to coordinate the identification of candidates for permanent appointment. The expectations of a search firm have been incorporated into a Request for Proposal

Presenter: None

Minutes

A motion to approve the proposed RFP was made by Ms. Boesen; second by Elsbernd.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Item No. 15**Page 1 of 1****Subject: MONITORING REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT LIMITATION 2.4 – ASSET PROTECTION****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper**
thomas.harper@dmschools.org; 515-242-7745**Attachment: 12-055**

Issue: Board Governance Policy 3.4 – Monitoring Superintendent Performance includes a schedule relative to monitoring reports that requires an annual monitoring report on Management Limitation 2.4 – Asset Protection.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board receive, discuss and take action on the annual monitoring report for Management Limitation 2.4 – Asset Protection.

Background: Management Limitation 2.4 – Asset Protection is included as Attachment 12-055. This report covers the fiscal year 2012 which goes from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012, unless otherwise stated.

Management Limitation 2.4 states: The Superintendent shall not allow district assets to be unprotected, inadequately maintained, inadequately or inappropriately used or unnecessarily risked.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall not:

1. Allow there to be inadequate insurance to protect the district's assets, including but not limited to coverage for theft, casualty, institutional liability, board and officer liability, and employee theft and dishonesty.
2. Fail to employ risk management practices to minimize exposure of the district, its board or staff to claims of liability.
3. Incur indebtedness (i.e. anticipatory warrants, general obligations or revenue bonds, and capital loan notes).
4. Subject facilities and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance.
5. Allow any purchase where there exists a real conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.
6. Fail to protect district owned intellectual property, information and files from loss or significant damage or theft.
7. Receive, process or disburse funds under controls insufficient to meet the Board-appointed auditor's standards (as set forth in Management Letter and/or other correspondence) or compromise the independence of the Board's audit.
8. Endanger the district's public image, its credibility, or its ability to accomplish Ends.

Minutes

Ms. Elsbernd moved acceptance of the Monitoring Report for Asset Protection; second by Ms. Boesen.

Insurance increased by 6% and Mr. Harper expects to see the increase continue. On page 4, workers compensation continues to increase significantly. He has been working to resolve old claims, which somewhat distorts the data as there has actually been a decrease in the number of new claims.

Ms. Boesen pointed out that utility costs continue to go down as a result of renovations.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Item No. 16**Page 1 of 1****Subject: MONITORING REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT LIMITATION 2.3 –
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDING
JUNE 30, 2012****For: ACTION****Contact: Thomas Harper**
thomas.harper@dmachools.org; 515-242-7745**Attachment: 12-056**

Issue: Board Governance Policy 3.4 – Monitoring Superintendent Performance includes a schedule relative to monitoring reports that requires a quarterly monitoring report on Management Limitation 2.3 – Financial Condition and Activities.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The superintendent recommends that the board receive, discuss and take action on the quarterly monitoring report for Management Limitation 2.3 – Financial Condition and Activities for the quarter ending June 30, 2012.

Background: The Management Limitation 2.3 – Financial Condition and Activities Monitoring Report is included as Attachment 12-056. This report covers the quarterly period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012, unless otherwise stated.

Management Limitation 2.3 states: With respect to actual ongoing condition of the district financial resources, the Superintendent shall not cause or allow the development of fiscal jeopardy, or a material deviation of actual expenditures from the Board's Ends priorities.

Accordingly, the Superintendent shall not:

1. Fail to provide quarterly summaries of the financial condition of the district.
2. Fail to settle district payroll obligations and payables in a timely manner.
3. Fail to implement prudent competitive quoting procedures for all facility improvement projects in an amount that meets or exceeds the competitive quote threshold as established by Iowa law.
4. Fail to implement prudent competitive bidding procedures for all facility improvement projects in the amount of \$125,000 or more.
5. Fail to implement prudent competitive procedures, including but not limited to RFPs, for purchasing products and securing contractual and professional services.
6. Obligate the district to contracts or expenditures greater than \$25,000.
7. Acquire, lease or dispose of real property.
8. Invest funds in securities contrary to state law.
9. Allow tax payments or other governmental ordered payments or filings to be overdue or inaccurately filed.

Minutes

Ms. Boesen moved to accept the Monitoring Report for the Financial Condition and Activities for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2012; second by Elsbernd.

Aye: Boesen, Elsbernd, Howard, Jongewaard, Murphy

Nay: None

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Harper commented that in 1999-2000, the Board established the goal of creating a solvency ratio of 8%. That will be exceeded as of June 30, 2012, twelve years later.

Item No. 17**Page 1 of 1****Subject: MODIFICATION OF PROCEDURES SERIES 610.1
STUDENT USE OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY****For: INFORMATION****Contact: Dan Warren**
(danny.warren@dmschools.org; 242-8192)**Attachments: None**

Background: The Des Moines Public Schools recognizes the value of using computers and other electronic resources to improve student learning and enhance the administration and operation of the schools. The Des Moines Public Schools offers students access to district computers, communications systems, the Internet, and an array of technology resources to promote educational excellence.

As technologies continue to evolve, the district is going to have to be more progressive by allowing students to have their own email accounts, as well as use their own personal devices. We can effectively help stude

nts be safe while accessing the Internet and maintain network security by using a strong combination of hardware-software solutions and simple monitoring by staff.

Live@edu, which is free of charge, provides a more sophisticated email service. Students have easy access to email, calendaring, and collaboration tools and will give students 7 gigabytes of free storage. This storage will make it easier for students to have access to their file.

The Des Moines Public Schools recognizes the use of electronic and digital tools as an important part of preparing students to be successful in today's knowledge society.

Contact: Dan Warren

Minutes

Mr. Murphy clarified the information presented is a change to the procedures, not the policy.

Mr. Ahart stated that each school makes the decision to use email accounts for students with a modified agreement form that explains this to parents.

Mr. Howard asked if there is a procedure to allow checks by district personnel and parents to avoid bullying, etc.

Mr. Ahart confirmed this will be a tool for us to manage the accounts and would help curb that type of usage.